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Title: SELECTIVE DELIVERY OF CRYOGENIC ENERGY
TO INTERVERTEBRAL DISC TISSUE AND
RELATED METHODS OF INTRADISCAL
HYPOTHERMIA THERAPY

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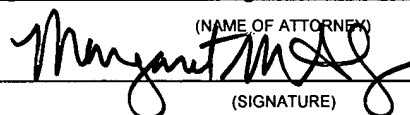
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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, Applicant hereby submits documents and information which may be considered material to the examination of this application. These documents and information are listed on the accompanying form.

Copies of documents 1-7 which are listed on the accompanying form, PTO/SB/08A (substitute for Form PTO-1449) (one page), have not been submitted since submission of copies of U.S. patents and U.S. patent applications is no longer required under 37 CFR 1.98.

Applicant respectfully requests that these documents be fully considered by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office during the examination of this application and printed on any patent which may issue on this application. Applicant also respectfully requests that a copy of PTO/SB/08A (substitute for Form PTO-1449) (one page), submitted herewith, as considered and initialed by the Examiner, be returned to the undersigned with the next communication.

It is believed that this disclosure complies with the requirements of 37 CFR 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98. If for any reason the Examiner considers otherwise, it is respectfully

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requested that the undersigned be contacted by the Examiner by telephone in order that any deficiencies may be expeditiously remedied.

A check in the amount of One Hundred Eighty Dollars (\$180.00) payable to the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks also is enclosed herewith to cover the fee due in connection with this submission. Please charge any additional fees due in connection with this submission, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 16-0221. A duplicate copy of this submission is enclosed for the convenience of the Examiner.

Thank you.

Respectfully submitted,

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